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BEFORE THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
EPA REGION 10, 1200 SIXTH AVENUE  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101

In The Matter of:

Arrcom, Incorporated,  
Drexler Enterprises, Inc.,  
et. alia,

Respondents.

PERMIT NO. ID 0008000961

NO. X83-04-01-3008 &  
83-04-02-3008

AGREED ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF  
CIVIL PENALTIES  
RE RESPONDENT WARREN BINGHAM

1. This proceeding for the assessment of civil penalties was commenced by the filing and issuance of a Complaint herein, X83-04-02-3008, against Respondent Warren Bingham and others pursuant to Section 3008 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6928.

2. The signatories hereto, parties herein, settle and resolve the claims set forth in the Complaint by the entry of this Order, and the said parties stipulate and agree (by their signatures below) this Order may be entered without further notice or proceedings herein.



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2 FINDINGS OF FACT

3 1. A facility consisting of several storage tanks, oil  
4 reprocessing equipment, and two buildings exists on a site located  
5 near Rathdrum, Idaho, five (5) miles east of the Washington-Idaho  
6 stateline on Idaho state Highway 53 (fully described in Attachment  
7 3) (hereinafter "the Rathdrum facility").

8 2. The Rathdrum facility was operated from at least  
9 January 1, 1980 for the storage, treatment and disposal of used  
10 oil, spent solvents, and chemical substances such as toluene and  
11 ethylbenzene.

12 3. The Rathdrum facility was operated by respondents  
13 Arrcom, Incorporated and Drexler Enterprises, Incorporated, and  
14 George W. Drexler, William Pickett, and Thomas Drexler, between at  
15 least January 1, 1980, and January 1, 1982. On or around January  
16 3, 1982, the Rathdrum ceased operation as an active, processing  
17 facility.

18 4. Respondent Warren Bingham purchased the Rathdrum  
19 facility on January 1, 1980, thereafter owned and possessed the  
20 facility, and thereafter leased the facility to respondent Arrcom,  
21 Inc. Respondent Bingham did not operate in any way the active  
22 facility between January 1, 1980 and January 1, 1982. Arrcom's  
23 lease for the facility was terminated on or around January 3, 1982.

24 5. A Part A RCRA permit application for interim status  
25 was submitted for the Rathdrum facility on November 19, 1980, and  
26 this application listed the owner of the Rathdrum facility as  
27 Arrcom, Inc.



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2           6.   Interim status for the treatment and storage of  
3 hazardous wastes with ignitable characteristics at the Rathdrum  
4 facility was recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency  
5 (EPA) on August 11, 1981. No interim status was recognized for the  
6 handling of any other hazardous wastes, or for the disposal of  
7 ignitable characteristic hazardous waste.

8           7.   During the operation of the Rathdrum facility, used  
9 oil with ignitable characteristics and other chemical substances  
10 such as toluene and ethylbenzene were released into the environment  
11 at the facility through the dumping and/or spilling of used oil,  
12 spent solvents, and other chemical substances such as ethylbenzene  
13 onto the ground.  
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15           8.   During the operation of the Rathdrum facility, no  
16 security fence was placed around the facility, nor were any other  
17 devices implemented to prevent the unknowing entry of persons or  
18 livestock on the facility.

19           9.   During the operation of the Rathdrum facility, no  
20 efforts were made to minimize the possibility of any release of  
21 hazardous wastes.  
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23           10.   During the operation of the Rathdrum facility, no  
24 external communication device capable of summoning emergency assist-  
25 ance was kept at the facility.  
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27           11.   During the operation of the Rathdrum facility, no  
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1 written waste analysis plan was developed or utilized at the facility.

2 12. During the operation of the Rathdrum facility, no  
3 written inspection schedule for equipment and storage units, or  
4 hazardous wastes was developed or maintained at the facility.

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6 13. During the operation of the Rathdrum facility, no  
7 attempts to make contingency arrangements with local authorities  
8 were made.

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10 14. During the operation of the Rathdrum facility, no  
11 manifest records or operating records were maintained at the facility.

12 15. During the operation of the Rathdrum facility, no  
13 closure plan was developed or submitted for the facility.

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15 16. After January 1, 1982, no closure plan was submitted  
16 to EPA, or implemented for the Rathdrum facility, nor was the  
17 facility actively operated pursuant to applicable RCRA regulations.

18 17. In September, 1983, EPA undertook a cleanup effort  
19 at the site, which removed most used oil, spent solvents, and other  
20 chemical substances from the Rathdrum facility.

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22 18. At all times relevant herein, Respondent Bingham has  
23 cooperated with EPA in granting access to the Rathdrum site.

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25 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

26 1. From at least January 1, 1980 to September 1984,  
27 the Rathdrum facility was an existing hazardous waste management  
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2 facility for the storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous  
3 waste, pursuant to 40 CFR § 260.10.

4 2. The Part A permit application submitted for the  
5 Rathdrum facility was submitted without a proper signatory for the  
6 owner, in violation of 40 CFR § 270.10(b), formerly 40 CFR § 122.4(b).

7 3. The Rathdrum facility was used for the disposal of  
8 hazardous wastes without a valid permit between January 1, 1980 and  
9 September 1983, in violation of 40 CFR 270.1(b) and section 3005  
10 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6925.

11 4. No efforts were made at the Rathdrum facility to  
12 minimize the possibility of unauthorized entry during the operation  
13 of the facility, in violation of 40 CFR § 265.14.

14 5. Inadequate efforts to minimize the possibility of  
15 any release of hazardous waste at the facility were made at the  
16 Rathdrum facility, in violation of 40 CFR § 265.31.

17 6. No external communication device capable of summoning  
18 emergency assistance was provided at the facility, in violation of  
19 40 CFR § 265.32.

20 7. No written waste analysis plan was developed or  
21 utilized at the facility or elsewhere, in violation of 40 CFR  
22 § 265.13(b).

23 8. No written inspection schedule was maintained at the  
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facility or elsewhere, in violation of 40 CFR § 265.13(b)(1).

1           9. No written training schedule or records of training  
2 were developed or maintained at or for the Rathdrum facility or  
3 elsewhere, in violation of 40 CFR § 265.16.

4           10. No attempts were made to make emergency contingency  
5 arrangements with local authorities near the Rathdrum facility, in  
6 violation of 40 CFR § 265.37.

7           11. No efforts were made to develop a contingency plan  
8 for the Rathdrum facility, in violation of 40 CFR § 265.51(a).

9           12. No manifest records were retained or kept at the  
10 Rathdrum facility, in violation of 40 CFR § 265.71.

11           13. No operating records were maintained or kept at the  
12 Rathdrum facility, in violation of 40 CFR § 265.71.

13           14. No closure plan was developed, submitted or kept at  
14 the Rathdrum facility, in violation of 40 CFR § 265.112.

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18                           ORDER

19           Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:  
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21           1. The Respondent Warren Bingham shall pay to EPA the  
22 following amounts as civil penalties which are hereby assessed and  
23 imposed against the said Respondent:

24                   A. Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00).  
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1           2.    The total of the foregoing imposed penalties is  
2   \$15,000.00, which said amount shall bear no interest from the  
3   date hereof.

4           3.    The payment of these imposed penalties is hereby  
5   suspended and deferred to July 30, 1986, at which time they shall  
6   be due and payable together with all interest accrued thereon  
7   without further proceedings, or notice, or Order herein EXCEPT as  
8   otherwise provided in paragraph 4.

9           4.    The suspended and deferred payment portion of the  
10   penalties imposed above shall be wholly excused automatically  
11   on the said date together with all interest accrued  
12   thereon without further proceedings herein if the affirmative  
13   conditions or events specified in Attachment 1 do occur on time,  
14   and if none of the negative conditions or events specified in  
15   Attachment 2 occurs prior to the date specified in paragraph 3.

16           5.    The suspended and deferred payment portion of the  
17   penalties imposed above together with all interest accrued thereon  
18   shall become immediately due and payable at an earlier date, namely,  
19   upon the non-occurrence of any of the required conditions or events  
20   specified in Attachment 1, or upon the occurrence of any one of the  
21   negative conditions or events specified in the Attachment 2.  
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1           6.    The Respondent shall cause to be filed herein  
2 affidavits which verify (on the basis of first hand knowledge of an  
3 appropriate individual) the extent to which (if at all) the conditions  
4 specified hereinabove have or have not been met or fulfilled as of  
5 the date of such affidavit, as follows:

6           A.    Whenever a negative condition listed in Attachment  
7 2 occurs, an affidavit to that effect shall be promptly filed.

8           B.    At least two business days prior to July 30,  
9 1986, affidavit(s) shall be filed addressing each condition specified  
10 in Attachments 1 and 2 (with the result that the payment of the  
11 penalties remains deferred, or else the penalties become  
12 payable, together with interest thereon as provided hereinabove).

13           7.    By deferring payment of penalties adjudged herein,  
14 the burden of proving that payment of those penalties remains  
15 deferred and suspended is hereby placed upon Respondent Warren  
16 Bingham.

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18           8.    EPA shall file herein a total satisfaction of this  
19 Order if, as, and when any such total satisfaction occurs.

20           9.    By stipulation signed by them and filed herein,  
21 the parties hereto may change and extend any time period set forth  
22 in Attachment 1, or the end date of the Order as stated in paragraph  
23 3, above. Upon the filing of such a stipulation herein, the  
24 said changes are thereupon incorporated into this Order automatically,  
25 as part thereof.  
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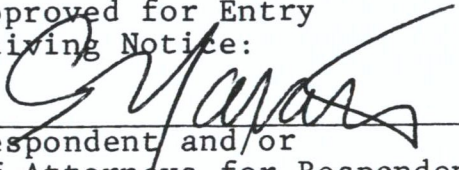


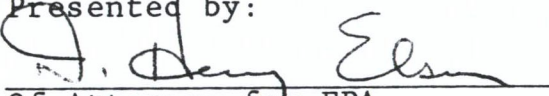
1           10.    This Order, and any actions taken to satisfy this  
2   Order, or any conditions therein (whether such action is the payment  
3   of penalties or the completion or implementation of the closure  
4   plan) shall not operate to relieve Respondent Bingham from any  
5   further liability under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act  
6   of 1976, or the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation  
7   and Liability Act of 1980. If the deferred penalties described in  
8   paragraph 2 above become due and owing, and are paid by Respondent  
9   Bingham, Respondent Bingham may additionally be subject to imposi-  
10   tion of a civil penalty upon notice and hearing of not more than  
11   \$25,000 for each day any closure plan is not submitted, or any  
12   approved plan is not implemented, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 6928(c).  
13   Further liability may also include an additional administrative  
14   order for failure to submit a closure plan after termination of  
15   interim status at the Rathdrum facility, pursuant to 40 CFR §  
16   265.112(c)(1), proposing civil penalties and ordering the submission  
17   and implementation of a closure plan.

11. All written submissions under this Order shall be  
addressed to:  
Kenneth Feigner, Waste Management Branch Chief  
EPA Region 10, M/S 533  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98101

IT IS SO ORDERED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1985.

  
EPA REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Stipulated, Agreed, and  
Approved for Entry  
Waiving Notice:  
  
Respondent and/or  
Of Attorneys for Respondent

Presented by:  
 6/13/85  
Of Attorney for EPA

ATTACHMENT 1

Affirmative Conditions

1. Not later than 60 calendar days after the date of this Order (but excluding the date hereof), Respondent Warren Bingham will submit either:

a. a written closure plan to EPA Region 10 for the Rathdrum hazardous waste management facility pursuant to all applicable parts of 40 CFR Part 265.110 - 265.120, Subpart G (1984);

or

b. written evidence to EPA Region 10 that Respondent has used his best efforts to fulfill 1.a. above.

2. If Respondent Bingham does not submit a written closure plan under part 1.a. above, but does submit written evidence under part 1.b. above; Respondent Bingham shall, not later than 120 calendar days after the date of this Order (but excluding the date hereof), submit a written closure plan to EPA Region 10 for the Rathdrum hazardous waste management facility pursuant to all applicable parts of 40 CFR § 265.110 - 265.120, Subpart G (1984).

3. Respondent Bingham will comply fully with all provisions of 40 CFR § 265.112(d) regarding any EPA approval, modification, or disapproval of any closure plan Respondent Bingham submits.

4. Immediately upon approval or modification of the



1 closure plan by EPA Region 10, Respondent Bingham will  
2 complete implementation of the approved or modified written closure  
3 plan not later than 180 calendar days after the date of approval or  
4 modification (but excluding the date of approval or modification).

5           5. Respondent Bingham will submit to EPA Region 10 a  
6 certification of closure which complies with 40 CFR § 265.115,  
7 after implementation of the closure plan is complete for the Rathdrum  
8 hazardous waste management facility.

ATTACHMENT 2

Negative Conditions

1. The sale or transfer of any part of the Rathdrum facility without Respondent Bingham procuring the written promise of the prospective or immediate transferee (enforceable by EPA) to perform all decretal terms and provisions of this Order shall not occur any time before implementation of the closure plan described in Attachment 1 is complete.